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Reading rooms in Rural Welfare areas, Tiruvallur taluk.

* 161 *Q.*—Sri M. DHARMALINGAM: Will the Hon. the Minister for Rural Welfare be pleased to state—

(*a*) the total number of reading rooms constructed in the selected areas of Tiruvallur taluk, under Rural Welfare Scheme in 1952; and

(*b*) of these how many were constructed in cheries and how many in the villages?

The Hon. Sri S. B. P. PATTABHI RAMA RAO:—" (*a*) Twenty-eight reading rooms were constructed in the Rural Welfare areas in Tiruvallur taluk; and

" (*b*) out of the 28 reading rooms, one was constructed in Tirur Harijan Cheri and the rest in calmer places in the villages."

Sri M. DHARMALINGAM:—" May I know, Sir, from the Hon. Minister whether it is the fundamental principle or the intention of the Government that all the reading rooms except one must be constructed in the village itself or in the manner explained by the Hon. Minister when Harijans are badly in need of such facilities which are indispensable? "

The Hon. Sri S. B. P. PATTABHI RAMA RAO:—" It is certainly not the intention of the Government. The maximum number of wells under Rural Welfare Scheme and bath rooms have been provided to Harijans at their quarters. The reading rooms, libraries, community halls, road dams, latrines and bath rooms that are constructed in the villages are being used commonly by the Harijans and the Caste Hindus without any distinction."

Local Fund Dispensary, Arecode, Malabar.

* 162 *Q.*—Sri K. P. GOPALAN: Will the Hon. the Minister for Health be pleased to state whether it is a fact that the only dispensary at Arecode, Malabar, is going to be closed soon and if so, why?

The Hon. Sri A. B. SHETTY:—" The Local Fund Dispensary at Arecode is not going to be closed since a doctor has been appointed by the President, District Board, Malabar, and the doctor is expected to join duty at an early date."

Special Officer for land acquisition work.

* 163 *Q.*—Sri A. RATHINAM: Will the Hon. the Minister for Education be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether a separate land acquisition officer has been appointed by the Government to work under the Harijan Welfare Department as recommended by the Harijan Welfare Committee at page 32 of their report; and

(*b*) if not, why?

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THE HON. DR. M. V. KRISHNA RAO :—" The land acquisition work in the districts is attended to by the District Welfare Officers. A Provincial (State) Officer proposed by the Committee could at best co-ordinate the work of the district officers and it was considered that the Director of Harijan Welfare could himself attend to this work without the need for a special officer for land acquisition work."

Advances granted under the Wynaad Colonization Scheme.

* 164 *Q.*—

MR. SPEAKER :—" The hon. Member Sri M. K. Padmaprabha Gounder is not in his place. The question and answer will be printed in the proceedings."

SRI M. K. PADMAPRABHA GOUNDER : Will the Hon. the Minister for Industries and Labour be pleased to state—

(*a*) the reasons why Government treat ex-servicemen and the I.N.A. personnel under different categories in the matter of granting advances to them under the Wynaad Colonization Scheme;

(*b*) whether the I.N.A. colonists of Wynaad are ordered to refund the advance amounts given to them; and

(*c*) if so, what is the reason?

THE HON. DR. U. KRISHNA RAO :—" (*a*) Colonists belonging to the categories of ex-servicemen and ex-I.N.A. personnel who went over from the Indian Armed Forces are not treated differently in the matter of grant of financial assistance. But ex-I.N.A. personnel recruited from civilians outside India are not eligible for grant from the Post-War Services Reconstruction Fund under the rules governing the administration of that fund and these persons are treated differently from ex-servicemen.

" (*b*) & (*c*) Such of the ex-I.N.A. colonists as were recruited from civilians outside India have to refund the advances paid to them from the State Fund, commencing from the sixth year of their settlement, as they are not eligible for free grants from the Post-War Services Reconstruction Fund."

Acquisition of lands for Harijans.

* 165 *Q.*—SRI S. VEMIAH : Will the Hon. the Minister for Education be pleased to state—

(*a*) how long the acquisition of land for the Muthyalapalam Harijans of Nellore town has been pending;

(*b*) whether a notification under section 4 (1) of the Land Acquisition Act was published in the matter and was subsequently withdrawn; and

(*c*) if so, the reasons therefor?